

# Summer 2009 Newsletter



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## NEWS FLASH:

Trade Show News:

COST exhibited at the WIGA (Washington Indian Gaming Conference) at the Tulalip Resort and Casino July 14-15. It was a great opportunity to showcase the recent work we completed on the new Tulalip Resort. This work included an exterior infinity edge entry water feature with a whaling canoe replica, an interior water feature and theme pool/whirlpool area. This project was featured in our Summer 08 Newsletter, available at [www.costofwisconsin.com](http://www.costofwisconsin.com).

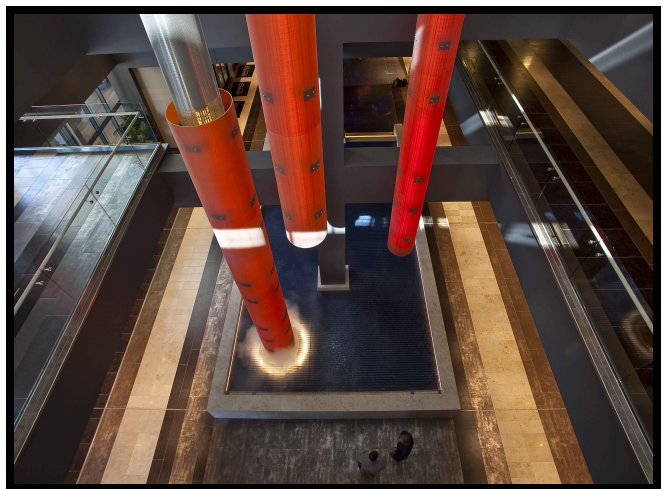
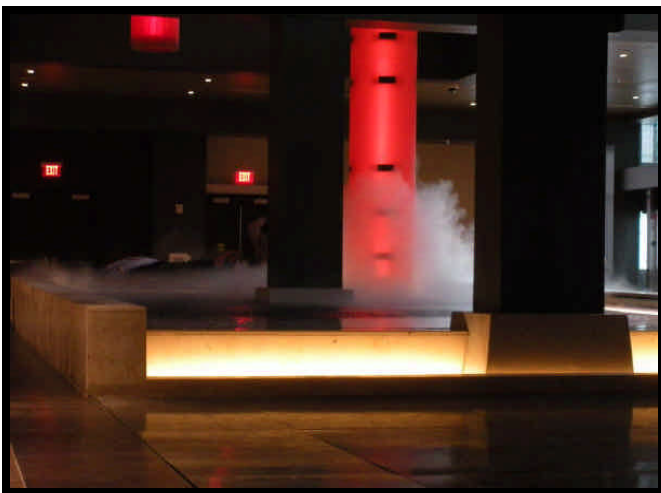
We will be attending the AZA Conference September 13-17. Please stop by and visit Chris Foster and Jeffrey Sheiber in booth 506.

## Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem, Bethlehem, PA

Friday, May 22, 2009, marked the soft opening of the greatly anticipated Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem. This marks history as the only casino Sands operates on the East Coast since the Atlantic City Sands was imploded in October 2007. While the official grand opening was slated for Tuesday, June 9, 2009, locals and team members got an early preview.

COST was responsible for developing the entry water feature which consists of five cannon replicas and a rippling water containment pool. These impressive acrylic cannons span over seven stories high. One cannon emits fog periodically simulating the quenching process of red hot steel. The cannons are a tribute to the storied history of the Bethlehem Steel Company which produced battleship cannons for decades on the same property that the casino is now located.

The project was designed by RTKL Architects and Walsh Bishop in Minneapolis. COST was responsible for building the 5 cannons, installing the programmable lighting, stainless steel floor, ceiling grating, and the mechanical system for the water feature.



# Plush Accommodations for Snow Leopards at Central Park Zoo, New York, NY

Thanks to the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Pike Company, and exhibit contractor COST of Wisconsin Inc., three snow leopards will be living the life of grandeur in their luxurious \$11,000,000 home. Two females, Molly and Mei Mei, and one male, Bo, will live in their sprawling 10,000 square foot exhibit located off Fifth Avenue in Manhattan.



*Photos Courtesy of WCS and Julie Maher*

The beautiful and agile animals, indigenous to Central Asia, will feel comfortable in their new abode complete with many new habitat features. These features include a waterfall, shaded "lounge" area to cool them on hot humid New York days, and heated rocks in close proximity of the viewing window. Various decorative bamboo plantings and sheer rockwork cliffs replicate the terrain in Central Asia.

Typically one million visitors pass through the gates at the Central Park Zoo per year. COST of Wisconsin, Inc. was thrilled to be part of the team by helping to create the first new permanent exhibit in 20 years.

## Orlando Theme Park makes big Splash with themed Rollercoaster:

Orlando, Florida's skyline has been radically changed by one of newest flagship attraction, the first flying coaster in the state of Florida. This behemoth attraction peaks out at 140' tall and features an inverted roller coaster reaching speeds of 56 MPH, and is a must-ride for all thrill seekers. The wings of the ride appear to skim the lake's surface setting off a 60 long spray, followed by the experience of a near miss as the ride abruptly turns along side a 3,000 gallon per minute waterfall. For marine life lovers, a walk through aquarium will surely inspire and entertain the masses. An 186,000 gallon tank stocked with over 300 species of rays is quite the spectacle as patrons wait to begin their ride.

COST, the themed contractor for this attraction, played an integral role in the construction of this complex and fast tracked project. Stone faced plaster clad the buildings exterior walls, 20,000 square feet of rock work reaching heights in excess of 30' tall, waterfalls, shotcrete ponds, crumbled stone aquarium interiors, simulated timber supports, tile work and fiberglass shell light sconces kept the crews from COST busy for over six months.

This project opened this Spring.

## News from Dubai

The Office has just completed two projects for private estates in Dubai. The first included an atrium area complete with simulated rockwork and water features. A plaza and pathway allow house guests to tour this tropical paradise all within a climate controlled environment. The project also required theme features like a Jeep that is part of the landscape mural, along with other artifacts. COST Middle East Contracting LLC worked

closely with this owner, engineers, the architect and other contractors to ensure all aspects of the project met exacting requirements. COST was responsible for final shop drawings, model, all rockwork, ponds, streams, and complete mechanical and filtration systems.



Another recently completed private villa required architectural water features including jumping fountains and custom cut stone waterways and planter boxes. This interesting project included all fountain features, mechanical system, concrete pools, decorative stone and lighting. COST Middle East's GM, Mohamed el Sayed states, "projects like this, although complex in nature, are typical for COST Middle East. We strive to develop features that push the envelope of creativity for our discerning clientele."



## The Short List

### A Few Projects Underway

- ✍ Brookfield Zoo, Chicago IL
- ✍ Oklahoma City Children's Zoo
- ✍ Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma WA
- ✍ Ferrari Theme Park, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- ✍ Dallas Zoo, African Savanna, Phase II
- ✍ Marc Heitz Auto Group, Norman, OK

Stay tuned for more details on these and other projects.

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